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THREE CENTS

## Heads Womans College

Dr. Rosemary Park, academic dean of Connecticut College at New London, Conn., has been chosen by its trustees, as its fifth president, succeeding Dr. Katharine Blunt who retired last June. Dr. Park, who is 39, has been acting president since Dr. Blunt left. She joined the faculty of the college in 1935 as a language instructor. She is the daughter of Dr. J. Edgar Park, who was president of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., from 1926 to 1944, and the sister of Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, in Northfield.

Graduated summa cum laude from Radcliffe College in 1928, she took her master's degree the following year. She did graduate work abroad at the University of Bonn and took her Ph.D. magna cum laude at the University of Cologne in 1934. Before coming to Connecticut College she was a member of the faculty of Winsor School in Boston, and of Wheaton College.

## Town Topics

Simon Gage of Northfield Farms was 92 years old on Thursday, Feb. 13. Friends of the neighborhood extended their greetings and he had several gifts.

The collection of garbage and waste material on Rustic Ridge will soon be open for bids and the privileges extended only to members of the Rustic Ridge Association. Service will extend through a three months period. Information will soon be available from the clerk of the Rustic Ridge Association.

The summer home of Miss Ethel Allen in Mountain Park has been rented for this season's use to Mrs. Allan N. Taylor and daughter of New York City. This marks the first rental of the year in the summer colony and will shortly be followed by others as several applications are pending.

The three summer homes on the McRoberts estate are now being offered for sale with the extensive grounds as a unit. There is running water and electricity in each house and they are adequately furnished. Anyone interested should call 586 for further information.

The Northfield Hotel has had its attractive advertisements in various papers and periodicals recently and as a result many guests have been attracted by the winter sports. There is always something doing at the hotel.

Don't forget to patronize a local young man when you want good cleaning and dyeing. His place of business is in the Webster Block on Parker Street and his phone number is 316.

## A Native Is Honored

George A. Long, a native of Northfield and known throughout his life time as an inventor, is 97 years old and his Boston neighbors where he resides, have given him acclaim through the press and platform. While a resident of Northfield he fabricated a horseless carriage with steam as its motive power and ran the contrivance up and down the side streets with the noise and exhaust from the engine located in the front frightening the animals so much that he was threatened with arrest. His invention was a success, however, and led the way for others. Parts of that automobile remained in Northfield for many years and were seen until destroyed in the fire of the old Town Hall.

When in Boston recently there was a display of old-time autos and a conference meeting of the Automobile Old Timers Association, Mr. Long was a honored guest and was voted its honorary president with George C. Diehl of New York as president. The dinner was at the Copley Plaza and Mr. Long at 97 attended enjoying every bit of the proceedings. It's seventy-two years ago when the Northfield experiment was proven successful and to this community is accorded a place in the beginnings of the "horseless carriage."

The Press has received information that World War II veterans are exempt from the poll tax and that if any have paid a refund can be had. The information comes from the Senior Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League.

Everybody is invited to attend the meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship group in the local Congregational Church Sunday evening, March 2, at seven o'clock. The speaker will be Miss Margaret Jones of the American Friends Service Committee who has recently returned from Austria where she served. Her talk will be illustrated by slides.

We are in the Lenten season when our inward thoughts and our outside activities should be co-ordinated in sober reflections. The depth of religious thinking makes for our character, whether young or old.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Evans of Main Street have returned to their home after a vacation in the "Sunshine City" of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Tau Pi Dramatic Club and the Hermon Players presented a comedy, "The Show Off" by George Kelly in Camp Hall at Hermon Saturday evening, the 22nd. The play was under the direction of William Morrow of the English department and the sketch was well presented by those taking the several characters.

## Death By Hanging

Francis A. Garello, age 26, of the Farms, was found dead in the barn of Lewis Wood on Friday afternoon, Feb. 14, where he had taken his own life by hanging. Garello was born in North Adams Oct. 14, 1920, the son of Andrew and Lillian Garello. In June, 1944, he married the former Jane Nichols, daughter of Mrs. Cleson Field of Turners Falls, a former resident here. After their marriage the Garellos made their home in the Adams place and he was employed on the farm of John Galvis. He was deferred from war service because of his occupation. From here the Garellos moved to Sunderland and later to Lake Pleasant when he worked in the paper mill at Turners Falls.

Some weeks ago he became ill and suffered a nervous breakdown and under a doctor's care. He came to the home of Lewis Wood to help with the work and chores and seemed to be in fine spirits. On the day he was found dead, there had been nothing to indicate his thinking as he had done his work as usual and had partaken of a good dinner.

Surviving are his wife, and two-year-old son, Andrew Neal; a brother, Robert Garello; a sister, Yvonne Garello; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Beaudoin; an aunt, Mrs. Ora Weston; an uncle, Wallace Baker, and several cousins. Funeral services were held the Sunday following at the Wood home with Rev. William Thistle of Turners Falls officiating. Burial was in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

## Grange Year's Program Red Cross Drive

Lawrence Ferris, who was elected and installed as Master of the Northfield Grange, foresees a busy program for the year, which at the last meeting was announced by Miss Marion Allen the lecturer. The following is the schedule:

Feb. 11, Valentine party; Feb. 12, Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange in Northfield; Feb. 25, educational aid fund benefit program; March 11, neighbors' night; March 25, spelling bee; April 8, first and second degrees; April 22, third and fourth degrees; May 13, Charles H. Brown of Pittsfield, overseer of state Grange as speaker; May 27, program by past lecturers, Mrs. Minnie Skinner, Jr., and Mrs. Isabel Carter; June 10, extension service program; June 24, box social; July 8, program by the Graces; July 22, mystery ride.

Aug. 12, visiting officers' night; Aug. 17, Grange Sunday; Aug. 26, annual picnic; Sept. 9, Franklin County fair night; Sept. 12, booster night; Sept. 23, home and community service committee in charge of program; Oct. 14, first and second degrees; Oct. 28, third and fourth degrees, harvest supper; Nov. 11, election; Nov. 12, Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange in Northfield; Nov. 25, one-act play; Dec. 9, neighbors' night; Dec. 23, Christmas program.

Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange will hold its next regular meeting at Whately Wednesday evening, March 12, with a program of home and community service.

It has been publicly announced by Dr. Frank L. Boyden, chairman of the Franklin County Chapter that Attorney Samuel Tisdale of Greenfield will act as chairman of the county American Red Cross fund drive which will begin on March 1st. The county quota has been set at \$28,000 which is \$14,000 less than last year and it is expected that the 26 towns of the county will respond. Whitman B. Wells has been named as vice chairman in charge of the committees in the various towns. Headquarters for the drive will be at the Red Cross office in Greenfield. The chairman of the Northfield committee will be George W. Carr.

The local Parent-Teachers Association met Monday evening, February 17, in Alexander Hall with Mrs. Phillip Mann, Jr., vice-president presiding. There were no special items of business but Rev. Joseph W. Reeves was introduced as the guest speaker on "Educational Matters." There was an attendance of nearly fifty and refreshments were served.

The Pioneer Valley Association which has done such a fine piece of work in publicizing this section of the state, will undertake its eighth annual membership campaign beginning on April 8 with a dinner at the Hotel Northampton for members of the working committee. Edwin W. Smith of Westfield is president of the association and A. Gordon Moody is a vice-president. There are many members in Northfield.

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Juvenile: Blackey the Crow, by Burgess; Jerry Muskrat at Home, by Burgess; Mother Westwind Where? Stories, by Burgess; Mother West When? Stories, by Burgess; Mother Westwind How? stories, by Burgess; Mother Westwind's Neighbors, by Burgess; Whitefoot, the Wood Mouse, by Burgess; Lochinvar Luck, by Terhune; and Understood Betsy, by Canfield.

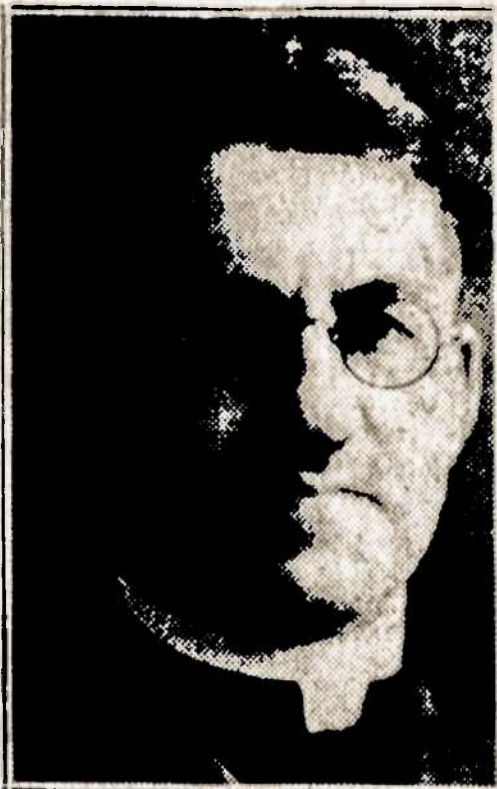
## Marriages Announced

The marriage of Donald Earl Lilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Earl Lilly of West Northfield and Mary Phyllis Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell of West Chesterfield, N. H., took place on Saturday, Feb. 15th, in the rectory of St Michael's Church in Brattleboro with Magr. James P. Rand officiating. They were attended by Miss Florence Mitchell, sister of the bride and by Clinton Holton of West Northfield. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents and after a short wedding trip they will reside in East Northfield.

Leslie Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibson of West Northfield and Dorothy Ann Foster, daughter of Mrs. Maude Foster of Greenfield, were married in the rectory of Holy Trinity Church in Greenfield Saturday morning, February 8. Miss Helen Herrick of Greenfield was maid of honor and R. G. Foster, brother of the bride, was best man. A wedding breakfast was served at the Weldon Hotel to the bridal party. They will reside in West Northfield.

In St. John's Church of Millers Falls on Saturday, February 8, Miss Cecilia Sophie Czernich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Czernich of the Millers Falls Road, was married to Leo Sikoski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sikoski of Hinsdale, N. H., by Rev. Fr. McCormick officiating in a double ring service.

Chicken-pox has been quite prevalent in the town and our local doctors have been kept busy. The situation is improving but any new cases should be reported to the Board of Health.



Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Berger, pastor of Elmwood Presbyterian Church of Syracuse, N. Y., who has tendered his resignation to the church and expects to retire to private life. Dr. Berger is president of the Rustic Ridge Association and has been a summer resident of Northfield for many years.

A beauty shop has been opened at 179 Main Street, East Northfield, with Miss Helen Terpilowski as manager and Mrs. Barbara Luey and Miss Priscilla Weimer as assistants. It is located in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Casey and known as the former Britton house.

Members of the Congregational Church will have a covered dish supper in the vestry on Thursday evening, March 6, at 6:30 o'clock.

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## Town Topics

A Northfield woman is 96 years of age, and believed the oldest resident of this community. On Saturday, Feb. 15th, she observed her birthday and was greeted by a large number of friends and relatives. She is Mrs. Amy Starkey and is cared for at her home by Mrs. Pearl Allen.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Cembalisky of Orange at the Franklin County Hospital Friday, February 14th, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cembalisky of Northfield and Mrs. J. W. Barker of Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Toefel Dymersky, who reside in Pine Meadow at the Farms, observed their 35th wedding anniversary recently with a family party. They received many greetings and gifts.

Fire destroyed a small house belonging to George Field on the Winchester Road in Winchester just beyond the Northfield town line on Friday morning, the 21st. Firemen from Winchester were called but the house was a total loss with no insurance. The place was occupied by Fred Field who was working in the woods nearby.

Charles L. Johnson has rented the small store next to the A&P store, recently occupied as a Gift Shop and has made some changes to the interior. He will use the same to display all kinds of plumbing and utility outfits especially those for which he will have the representation for this area.

Members of the Franklin County School Superintendents Association met in Northfield recently as guests of Robert N. Taylor and considered the matter of more financial aid to schools by the state. They were in favor unanimously provided there was no forfeit of local control.

Rev. and Mrs. Gifford Towle, missionary representatives of the local Congregational Church who concluded their furlough, arrived in Bombay on January 27 after a month's voyage through stormy seas. They sailed from San Francisco December 23.

The death of Allen T. Treadway of Stockbridge, who represented this district in Congress for many years previous to his retirement, died on Sunday, February 16, 79 years of age. He had many friends in Northfield and was a frequent visitor here at the Northfield Hotel.

Mrs. Carl Vosburgh of Cleveland, Ohio, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotczyk of West Northfield while her husband is directing the concerts given by the Cleveland Orchestra in New England.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Plotczyk, who since their marriage have resided in one of the apartments over Morgan's store, have removed to Brattleboro for residence.

Wednesday evening, February 12, the local Chapter of the Eastern Star at its regular meeting in Masonic Hall, had a unique program. It was a "quilting party" directed by Mrs. Goodspeed in which many of the members appeared in old-time costumes.

A very large delegation of members of the local Grange especially its officers led by Master Lawrence Ferris attended a regional meeting of the state Grange with Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield Monday evening, February 17.

Owners of summer cottages on Rustic Ridge, who desire to rent, should inform Mr. Hoehn as several applications have already been made.

The ground is covered with ice and snow and it is reported from many places that the birds are having a hard time of it, to get food and survive the cold. Now is the time when friends of the birds in Northfield should scatter as best they can crumbs in places where they can get it. Wild life is having a hard time this winter.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones of the Vernon Church was the preacher at Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel on Sunday morning, February 16, and Dr. George A. Bronson occupied the pulpit of his church in his absence.

Under the sponsorship of the Women's Guild of the Congregational Church the World's Day of Prayer was observed by a prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. William R. Moody on Friday, February 21.

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